

**Retail Chain Stores.**—Retail chains are defined as companies operating four or more retail outlets in the same or related kinds of business. A consistent rise in sales has been evident since statistics were first compiled on chain store operations in 1930.

#### 4.—Retail Chain Store Statistics, 1930 and 1941-59

Year	Stores	Net Retail Sales	Salaries and Wages Paid to Store Employees	Value of Stocks on Hand End of Year		Accounts Outstanding End of Year
				Stores	Warehouses	
	Av. No.	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1930.....	8,097	487,336	50,405	60,457	..	..
1941.....	7,622	639,210	57,777	68,619	20,976	38,376
1942.....	7,010	687,447	57,654	66,940	22,633	..
1943.....	6,780	703,950	58,804	67,628	22,602	15,527
1944.....	6,560	769,643	63,300	66,944	21,855	15,093
1945.....	6,580	876,209	68,196	68,247	29,013	16,368
1946.....	6,559	1,014,847	77,474	85,345	37,436	19,643
1947.....	6,716	1,177,323	91,266	105,040	43,546	31,492
1948.....	6,821	1,335,735	107,450	119,132	46,330	40,378
1949.....	6,839	1,420,081	115,903	123,696	46,755	50,001
1950.....	7,155	1,559,693	129,334	159,083	60,501	65,000
1951.....	7,846	1,775,744	153,599	186,562	60,490	53,816
1952.....	7,766	1,924,873	154,642	172,886	55,215	77,475
1953.....	7,835	2,048,228	171,167	179,704	52,096	91,538
1954.....	8,136	2,146,635	181,509	191,049	57,814	102,747
1955.....	8,274	2,353,955	199,611	205,833	63,120	127,362
1956.....	8,559	2,647,055	221,136	232,392	72,183	143,357
1957.....	8,822	2,841,569	242,979	248,284	78,521	148,506
1958.....	9,122	3,073,147	262,456	265,862	78,512	158,232
1959.....	9,491	3,280,263	285,691	282,530	80,440	162,453

#### 5.—Retail Chain Store Sales, by Province and by Kind of Business, 1955-59

Province and Kind of Business	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
Province	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Newfoundland.....	12,982	15,267	24,079	23,849	35,708
Maritime Provinces.....	155,728	169,946	179,396	190,928	198,095
Quebec.....	488,374	540,628	576,716	619,584	674,002
Ontario.....	1,096,030	1,230,388	1,335,056	1,451,325	1,508,626
Manitoba.....	94,235	100,591	112,126	120,715	131,908
Saskatchewan.....	102,129	111,353	118,935	128,762	137,037
Alberta.....	160,909	182,111	197,763	219,751	245,747
British Columbia.....	237,734	289,846	289,463	309,336	341,548
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	5,835	6,925	8,034	8,897	7,592
<b>Canada.....</b>	<b>2,353,955</b>	<b>2,647,055</b>	<b>2,841,569</b>	<b>3,073,147</b>	<b>3,280,263</b>
Kind of Business					
<b>Foods and Beverages<sup>1</sup>.....</b>	<b>1,486,644</b>	<b>1,685,394</b>	<b>1,835,648</b>	<b>1,994,366</b>	<b>2,143,559</b>
Combination grocery and meat stores.....	970,793	1,104,060	1,249,288	1,368,883	1,481,136
Restaurants.....	34,602	36,374	36,194	38,236	40,718
Alcoholic beverage stores.....	465,772	527,952	530,143	556,383	587,817

<sup>1</sup> Includes other kinds of business not shown separately.